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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, 8-11, 13, 18, 20-21, 24-34, and 36-43 were previously presented. Claim 14 is currently amended. Claims 2, 5-7, 12, 15-17, 19, 22-23, 35, and 44-72 are withdrawn. New claim 73 is added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-4, 8-11, 13-14, 18, and 20-21, 24-34, 36-43, and 73 are pending examination.

Species Group B

The Applicant elects a species defined by claim 21 without traverse.

Species Group C

The Applicant elects a species defined by claim 34 without traverse.

Species Group A WITH TRAVERSE

The pending Office Action requires the Applicant to elect between species defined by claims 10, 11, 13, 14, and 18. However, these claims do not defined different species. In order for claims to belong to different species they must be mutually exclusive. Claims 10, 11, 13, 14, and 18 are not mutually exclusive. In order to illustrate this point, the Applicant has added new claim 73. New claim 73 depends from claim 18 and includes all of the limitations of claims 11, 13, and 14. Since claim 18 already depends from claim 10, new claim 73 includes subject matter from each of claims 10, 11, 13, 14, and 18. Since subject matter from claims 10, 11, 13, 14, and 18 can be incorporated into a single claim, these claims are not mutually exclusive and are accordingly not directed to different species.

In the event that this species election is not withdrawn in light of Applicant's traverse, the Applicant elects the species allegedly represented by claim 18.

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CONCLUSION

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone or e-mail the undersigned with any questions.



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